"On behalf of all Mississippi, I want to thank the members of the conference committee for their dedication to funding education. Today's action truly proves that we are committed to putting our schools first. As with the teachers pay raise and computers in the classroom, Mississippi is once again leading the nation. I look forward to signing this historic bill."

With the filing of the conferences reports the next step in putting education first in Mississippi has been achieved. The final step in this historic process will be the adoption of these conference reports by both the House and Senate. This has been accomplished through the hard work, cooperation and dedication of the legislature. As with the teachers pay raise and computers in the classroom, Mississippi is once again leading the nation. I look forward to signing this historic bill.